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SUBJECT: PRESS CONTACT WITH SPRING WHEAT TEAM

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED AGAIN WITH USDA EMBASSY RECOMMEN-
DATION ON PRESS CONTACT WITH SPRING WHEAT TEAM. WE
CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PRESS CONTACT IN MOSCOW WOULD BE
HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE. ATTEMPT TO LIMIT TEAM SPOKESMAN'S
BRIEFING TO "SUCH MATTERS AS RECEPTION BY SOVIETS AND SOME
OBSERVATIONS ON SOME AREAS VISITED" WILL NOT IN OUR VIEW
SUCCEED. TEAM SPOKESMAN INEVITABLY WILL BE PRESSED TO
INDICATE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS, AND HIS FAILURE TO DEAL
WITH SUCH MATTERS WOULD RUN GREATER RISK OF CHARGES OF COVER
UP THAN TO STATE SIMPLY THAT TEAM IS MADE UP OF TECHNICAL
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REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO REPORT TO

WASHINGTON.

2. AS ALTERNATIVE, WE SUGGEST THAT AG ATTACHE, WHO WE
UNDERSTAND ACCOMPANIED TEAM, IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR CAN
ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF AREAS VISITED, AND RECEPTION BY
SOVIETS WITHOUT HAVING TO ADDRESS THE TEAM'S OBSERVATIONS OR
CONCLUSIONS. KISSINGER

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